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SUBJ: REMARKS ON NUCLEAR POLICY BY MINISTER UNO TO EX-SENATOR
TYDINGS

1. EX-SENATOR JOSEPH TYDINGS SPENT LAST FEW DAYS IN TOKYO ON
WHAT WE BELIEVE WAS PRIVATE BUSINESS. HE HAD NO DIRECT CONTACT
WITH EMBASSY.

2. DR. SHUZABURO TAKEDA OF TOKAI UNIVERSITY CALLED ON EMBOFFS
4/26 TO EXPLAIN THAT HE WAS FRIEND OF MR. TYDINGS AND HAD AR-
RANGED MEETING FOR TYDINGS WITH DIREGEN SOSUKE UNO OF SCIENCE
AND TECHNOLOGY AGENCY. TAKEDA LEFT WITH EMBOFFS STATEMENT IN
ENGLISH ON STA STATIONERY GIVEN TO TYDINGS BY UNO, WITH PROVISIO
THAT IT BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL.

3. FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF UNO STATEMENT:

1. I HAVE BEEN DISUCSSING THE U.S. NUCLEAR POLICY WITH RELE-
VANT PERSONS OF VARIOUS COUNTRIES. SUMMING THEM UP MIGHT BE THAT
THE U.S. POLICY IS A MRERE DIRECTION WITHOUT PRACTICAL POLICIES.
I MYSELF HAVE AN OPINION THAT THE U.S. NUCLEAR POLICY OVER-LOOKS
THE SUBSTANTIAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THOSE WHO HAVE PLENTY OF EN-
ERGY RESOURCES, LIKE THE U.S., AND THOSE WHO HAVE ONLY SCARCE
NATURAL RESOURCES, LIKE JAPAN.

2. REGARDING THE NEW U.S. POLICY THE OPINIONS AT THE JAPANESE
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DIET BOTH WITH GOVERNING PARTY AND WITH OPPOSITION PARTIES ARE
GRADUALLY ESCALATING AS FAR AS CLAIMING THAT THE NEW POLICY
MIGHT VIOLATE THE ARTICLE 4 OF THE NPT, WHICH GUARANTEES TO
EVERY PARTY TO IT THE PEACEFUL USE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY WITHOUT DIS-
CRIMINATION. WE HAVE BEEN ADHERING TO THE NPT, AS WELL AS TO
THE JAPAN/U.S. COOPERATION AGREEMENT IN THE FIELD OF PEACEFUL USE
OF NUCLEAR ENERGY. THE UNITED STATES SHOULD BE IN THE SAME POSI-

TION PARTICULARLY IN RESPECT OF ARTICLE 4; OTHERWISE, THE INTERNATIONAL CREDIBILITY OF THE U.S. MIGHT BE BROUGHT INTO QUESTION.

3. AS MADE CLEAR AT THE TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER DUKUDA AND THE PRESIDENT CARTER, OR ON THE OCCASION OF VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE'S VISIT TO JAPAN, CONFIRMED AT THE JAPAN/U.S. SUMMIT MEETING, WE ARE MAKING EVERY EFFORT, IN COOPERATION WITH THE U.S., TO BE A LOCOMOTIVE FOR THE WORLD ECONOMY, TOGETHER WITH GERMANY. AS FIGURED IN THE PRESENT NATIONAL BUDGET, OUR TARGET OF ECONOMIC GROWTH IS TO MAINTAIN IT AS HIGH AS 6.7 PERCENT.

4. ASIDE FROM THE U.S. WHERE THE SYSTEM OF DEMOCRACY IS FIRMLY ESTABLISHED, OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES INCLUDING JAPAN ARE GRAVELY CONCERNED ABOUT INFLATION AND UNEMPLOYMENT, WHICH HAVE TO BE OVERCOME BY ANY MEANS: OTHERWISE IT WOULD JEOPARDIZE OUR WHOLE SYSTEM OF DEMOCRACY. AT THE RECENT TWO SUMMIT MEETINGS SERIOUS DISCUSSIONS WERE MADE IN THIS RESPECT. THE GNP OF THE SEVEN WESTERN COUNTRIES TOGETHER SHARES 2/3 OF THE TOTAL WORLD GNP, WHILE THERE TRADE SUMS UP TO 1/2 OF THE WORLD TOTAL. THIS POINTS OUT THE IMMENSE IMPORTANCE OF THE ROLE PLAYED BY THE ECONOMIC GROWTH OF THESE COUNTRIES, TO WHICH THE STABLE SUPPLY OF ENERGY IS ESSENTIAL.

5. IN OUR COUNTRY AN ELECTION FOR THE HOUSE OF COUNCILLORS IS SCHEDULED SOON. THE REPROCESSING PROBLEM PENDING BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE U.S. IS ONE OF THE BIGGEST ISSUES FOR THIS ELECTION TOGETHER WITH THE JAPAN/U.S.S.R. FISHERY NEGOTIATION. MY PERSONAL WISH IS THAT EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE IN ORDER THAT JAPANESE EMOTION TOWARDS THE U.S., WHO HAS BEEN IN THE MOST FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH US, MIGHT NOT BECOME SIMILAR TO THAT TOWARDS RUSSIA.

6. FOR THE PNC REPROCESSING PLANT, WE HAVE DEVOTED SIX YEARS
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OF TIME AND 210 MILLION DOLLARS OF FUND. WITH THESE EFFORTS THE PLANT IS NOW AT THE STAGE OF ENTERING A HOT OPERATION, WITH TRAINED ENGINEERS AND OPERATORS OF AS MANY AS 500. TO POSTPONE THE OPERATION AT THIS STAGE IS SURE NOT ONLY TO INFLICT UNEMPLOYMENT ON THESE EMPLOYEES BUT TO RAISE SERIOUS CRITICISM FROM JAPANESE TAXPAYERS AS WASTING THEIR MONEY.

7. THE PRESIDENT CLEARLY STATED AT THE PRESS BRIEFING WHICH FOLLOWED THE NEW U.S. NUCLEAR POLICY STATEMENT ON APRIL 7 THAT JAPAN AND GERMANY HAD A PERFECT RIGHT TO GO AHEAD AND CONTINUE WITH THEIR OWN REPROCESSING EFFORTS. WE HIGHLY APPRECIATE THIS STATEMENT OF THE PRESIDENT AS IT READS AND SOUNDS, CONSIDERING IT AS A RESULT OF THE JAPAN/U.S. SUMMIT MEETING. HOWEVER, THE EXPLANATIONS ADDED AFTERWARDS BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT PEOPLE, DR. NYE, DEPUTY TO UNDERSECRETARY, IN PARTICULAR, WERE GIVING US THE IMPRESSION THAT THEY WERE TRYING TO INTRODUCE A DISCRIMINATION BETWEEN JAPAN AND GERMANY, WHICH I SINCERELY REGRET.

I. I BELIEVE THAT SUCH KIND OF EXPLANATORY REMARKS WERE FAR FROM WHAT THE PRESIDENT REALLY HAD IN HIS MIND. SINCE THIS ISSUE MIGHT CONTAIN INTERNATIONAL AND POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS, AS WELL

AS ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES, AN EXTENSIVE CONSIDERATIONS HAS TO BE
MADE TAKING ALL THESE ASPECTS INTO DUE ACCOUNT.

9. THESE ARE MY FRANK OPINIONS, AND I WISH THAT YOU WOULD MAKE
EFFORT TO TRANSMIT THEM TO THE PRESIDENT. END TEXT.

4. REQUEST THAT FACT THAT STATEMENT WAS HANDED TO EMBASSY AND
SOURCE OF STATEMENT BE PROTECTED.
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